

16. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein the method is utilized to post use fee debit information.

17. (New) The method according to claim 16, wherein the method is utilized to collect a toll for a motor vehicle.

Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, claims 1-7 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE97/00995, and adds new claims 8-17. The new claims conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

The above amendments to the specification and abstract are to conform the specification and abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules or to correct informalities, and do not introduce new matter into the application.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE97/00995 includes an International Search Report, dated November 11, 1997. The Search Report includes a list of documents that were uncovered in the underlying PCT Application. A copy of the Search Report is included herewith.

The underlying PCT Application also includes an International Preliminary Examination Report, dated May 6, 1998, a copy of which is included herewith.

Applicants assert that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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